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256; 01-92 and 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to notify the Commission that I am retiring and withdrawing as counsel for the National Rural Telecom Association (NRTA) in the above-referenced proceedings. NRTA has filed either individually or jointly with other associations or as part of the Rural Telephone Coalition in these proceedings.

I am providing two copies of this notification for each listed proceeding

In the event of any questions, please communicate with John F. O'Neal, Esq., General Counsel, National Rural Telecom Association, One Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 628-0210.

Very truly yours,